



August/September 2004

The Newsletter of the Panhandle Library System

PLS Coordinator's Message

Recently I read about a library director who was frustrated at not being "invited to the table" - not included when community leaders developed committees to tackle critical issues. Her response was to "set her own table." She identified an issue that she felt needed to be addressed - after-school programming for the community's youth - and proceeded to call on people whom she felt could contribute to a solution that involved the library as well as other local organizations. She became the leader instead of waiting to be asked. This kind of proactive approach to serving the whole community is demonstrated by over 40 short scenarios included in the new book From Outreach to Equity, published by ALA and available from the Nebraska Library Commission. It describes the variety of ways libraries from around the country in every size community are meeting the special needs of those who may not even physically come to the library. The concept is that the library should be available to EVERYONE - the "equity" referred to in the title. Here are a few examples: "Language Kits" for new immigrants containing bilingual materials and made available through social service agencies; children's programming designed to be accessible to those with any type of disability - as well as their peers without disabilities ("Every Child's Place"); "Words on Wheels," a service to deliver materials to those who have difficulty walking, driving, or carrying books, whether temporarily or permanently; "Family Literacy Within the Walls," where parents in prison connect with their visiting children by learning how to share books together; bookmobile visits to preschools, where children of busy parents can have a storytime and get books, while their care givers learn how to use literacy activities; book boxes provided to places that serve the homeless; "Sisterfriends," literature groups that give women a forum for sharing their experiences; the library as technology center, when VISTA volunteers teach migrant workers how to use computers; a TIP line (phone and e-mail) that makes the library the first place people go for information ("we can help anyone with anything"). Many of these programs are funded by grants initially, then supported locally when their value is demonstrated.

It's not unusual for us to feel that we know our patrons. We buy materials for the people who come in the door every week. But what about those who don't or can't come to the library? Or once there, find only things for our "regular" users? One of the fundamental library values is to be a resource for everyone. Equity. Equality. If we set a big table and invite those who represent all parts of our community, we can work together to find the people who aren't coming in our doors, and provide ways to bring the library into their lives.

Cherie Longmuir

PLS Upcoming Events

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Email: debm@charterinternet.com

**September 6, 2004 PLS office
closed- Labor Day**

**September 14, 2004 PLS Board
Meeting/Carry-in-Lunch/Committee
Meetings**
Time: 10:00 a.m.-Board Meeting/Noon-
Carry-in-lunch/1:00 p.m.-Committee
Meetings
Location: Bluffs Business Center, 1517
Broadway, Main floor conference room.
For information-contact the PLS office-
see information above.

2004 PLS Author Tour
Carole Nelson Douglas

September 21, 2004
Chadron State College-Book Signing-
11:00 a.m./Presentation 1:00 p.m.
Alliance Public Library-Public
Performance-7:00 p.m.

September 22, 2004
Kimball Public Library-Brown Bag
Luncheon-12:00 Noon
Sidney-West Elementary Auditorium-
Public Performance-7:00 p.m.

September 23, 2004
Copperfield Books, Scottsbluff, Book
Signing-10:00 a.m.
WNCC-Scottsbluff-Reception &
Performance-2:30 p.m.
Gering Civic Center-Public
Performance-7:00 p.m.

September 25 – October 2, 2004
Banned Books Week

PLS Web Site:
<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>

**October 6, 2004 Nebraska Regional
Library Systems 2004 Pre-conference
to NLA/NEMA**

"Ways to Construct an Evaluation"
Location: Holiday Inn-Grand Island
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
Cost: \$25
Registration fee and deadline is
September 24, 2004

Register and send fee to: Southeast
Library System, 5730 R Street, Suite
C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505
2004 Pre-Conference for NLA/NEMA
Hispanic Voices @ your library™
Location: Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand
Island

Time: "Spanish That Works"-9:00-11:30
a.m. / Multicultural Consultant, Yolanda
Cuesta-12:30-2:30 p.m. / Hispanic
authors, Francisco Jimenez & Luis
Rodriguez-2:45-4:45 p.m.
Cost: See

[www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/
2004PreConf.html](http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/2004PreConf.html)

Registration deadline is September 24th.
Print & mail registration form to: Jenni
Puchalla, Assistant, Southeast Library
System, 5730 R Street, Suite C-1,
Lincoln, NE 68505.

**October 6-8, 2004 NLA-NEMA
Conference**

Location: Holiday Inn & Riverside,
Grand Island, NE
Visit the web site at:
www.papillion.ne.us/~NLA2004/
for more information.

**October 17- 23, 2004 Teen Read
Week**

"It's Alive! @ your library ®" is the theme
for this year's Teen Read Week. More
information is available at:
www.alastore.ala.org/

INSIDE OUR LIBRARIES

Chappell Memorial Library and Art Gallery was featured in the Omaha World Herald newspaper. Director Dixie Riley reports that since then several tourists have gone out of their way to visit, including a Red Hat Ladies club, and the Car Ride Across Nebraska (CRAN) group. The library has new paint and carpet, and the shelving has been rearranged for a fresh look. The nonfiction books were weeded during the shelf shifting. When alumni return to town in August, they'll find the library better than they remember it.

Gordon PL had an unusually large and enthusiastic turnout for their summer reading program. The activities included a visit by dogs from the local shelter and their caretaker who gave tips on caring for pets; a presentation by a uniformed patrol officer who talked about protecting yourself from all kinds of dangers; trails to follow to find buried treasures; and of course a finale of hot dogs and a swimming party. Several hundred book reports were turned in, so there must have been some reading going on, too.

Norma Michelman at **Nancy Fawcett Library in Lodgepole** was alarmed when the Internet connection disappeared from her Gates computer. Because she is still under warranty from Gateway, she called them and described the problem. They sent a tech person who determined it was a problem with the network card. He repaired it at no charge. Norma has also installed a filter on the computer to comply with CIPA regulations.

Carolyn Brown at **Kimball PL** has developed a Board member orientation program which brings newly appointed trustees up to speed quickly and helps them to understand their role and responsibilities. She has a very active and supportive Board, so it must be working. Contact her for information.

Chadron PL has several new public access computers with extra security to deal with some damage that has occurred in the past. The computers get a great deal of use, including by many tourists who stop to check email after visiting the Museum of the Fur Trade. The staff and Board are working on plans for an addition to the library, and know that sustaining and growing the technology will be a big part of it.

Deb Finley at **Hemingford PL** has done a thorough weeding of the children's collection. The bins have plenty of room to dig through, and the beat up books no longer hide the newer ones. The whole area looks fresh and inviting. She'll soon be ready to start putting records for the "good stuff" into her new Follett system.

Sometimes it's even more interesting to see what's going on OUTSIDE our libraries. **Bev Russell** and **Judy Oltmanns** were recently spotted in the Scottsbluff library garden pulling weeds. **Judy Howell** is hard to find at the Morrill PL during calving season (can you read on a horse?). **Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran** recently starred in a community theatre production, while taking 3 classes for her MLS degree.

Bring the whole family! How many places can you all enjoy together? For free!! If you don't see it, ask the library may be able to refer it for you. Look, Listen & Enjoy. Borrow time and music to the whole family. It's never too late! Use the library 24/7 online. Remember, learning begins in the home. See your library's parenting collection for the on how you can be your child's first and best teacher. Contact your local librarian for more information.

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Get it. Use it.
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Why buy when you can borrow? Your public library is a goldmine of books, magazines, movies, CDs, and other great stuff. Keep kids reading. Your library has something for every age and interest. Free @ your library. Most public libraries provide computers and classes. Make learning fun. Check out storytime and other free programs for kids and families. Need homework help? Encourage your child to ask a librarian.

BITS AND PIECES

Jean Ahrens of WNCC has been appointed as a Nebraska Library Commissioner from our area.

Woman's Day magazine has an online book club:
www.womansday.com/community.
The titles are recommended by librarians. Each selection is featured for two weeks. Currently, books for children and young adults are being featured. The web site gives readers an opportunity to share their thoughts about books and reading. *Woman's Day* is a founding partner in the Campaign for America's Libraries.

If you have a Friends group looking for new fundraising ideas, call the Nebraska Library Commission Information Services desk (800-307-2665) and borrow this book: **101+Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends.** It will also be useful if you want to establish or expand a Friends group and need some direction.

The Nebraska Library Commission has been awarded a \$343,682 three-year **grant** from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to develop a marketing campaign to raise awareness of and identify prospects for library careers. This will include scholarships for those pursuing library degrees.

Sept.25-October 2 is **Banned Books Week**, a time to emphasize the value of the freedom to read - anything.

A new local history resource is the book **Letters From Nebraska Sod House Pioneers** (Furnas County, 1877-1891). It gives readers an understanding of early-day Nebraska history in the words of actual settlers. Order from Dr.Leo Lemonds, 5180 W. Highway 6, Hastings, 68901. Include \$25.

Remember to add the PLS Web Site to your list of Favorites:
<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>.
It now contains the **member directory**. Check to see if your information is correct. Do you want us to add your home phone number? Call the PLS office to make changes.

Booklist has published a list of **Best Easy Readers**:
Helen Keller by David Adler
Clouds by Marion D. Bauer
Minnie and Moo by Denys Cazet
Pearl and Wagner by K.McMullan
We Use Water by Robin Nelson
Tentacles by Shirley Redmond
Crunchy, Munchy Christmas Tree by Karen Ruelle
Mr. Putter and Tabby by Rylant
Hallie's Horrible Handwriting by Valerie Tripp
Oliver the Mighty Pig by Jean Van Leeuwen

We're saying a fond farewell to these members who have left their library positions: **Donna Aurich**, Potter PL; **Sherry McCreath**, Goodall PL; **Lea Mathis**, Alliance PL; **Mavis McLean**, Alliance PL; **Lori Hartman**, Gering PL; **Diana White**, Oshkosh PL.

BITS AND PIECES

The winner of the 2004 **Boston Globe-Horn Book Award** for best picture book is The Man Who Walked Between the Towers by Mordicai Gerstein. Other winners were: The Fire Eaters by David Almond (fiction); An American Plague by Jim Murphy (nonfic).

The **Alliance Friends of the Library** are sending books to local troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. They partnered with veterans groups to help with the mailing.

The deadline to register for the first course in the **Library Technician** program is August 23. It is offered through Metro Community College in Omaha. See the flyer in this newsletter for information.

New books in the PLS library:
Teen Spaces – Taney
Complete Copyright (2004)–Russell
Abridged Dewey 14
Sears List of Subject Headings 18th
Public Library Catalog (2004)
To borrow, call 888-879-5303.

Congratulations to PLS members taking on leadership roles in the Nebraska Library Assn.: **Nadine DiBacco** of Gering PL is running for Vice President/President Elect; **Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran** of Sidney PL is running for Public Library Section secretary/treasurer.

www.webjunction.org
(where librarians meet)

Bayard PL was the subject of a feature article in the Scottsbluff Star-Herald newspaper. Director **Sharon Ulbrich** pointed out the many ways they meet the needs of the community.

A movie based on the Caldecott-winning book **A Polar Express** by Chris Van Allsburg will be released in November. Several new versions of the book will be published to coincide with the film's debut.

Here's an inspiring **partnership**: Elmwood Elementary School students sold their artwork and presented the money to the public library to help pay for a makeover in the children's area. An art class painted bookcases built in the shop class, and the sewing class produced colorful pillows. The new medieval castle corner of the library is a source of pride for the whole community.

Try this resource for **library PR**, clipart, symbols, bookmark designs: www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/toolbox.

If you need to **translate** a passage of text on a Web page – or even just a phrase or a title – into Russian, Spanish, Korean, or several other languages, go to

<http://babel.altavista.com>. This is Babel Fish Translation Service.

And to search for a picture, use AltaVista's Image Search:

www.altavista.com/image. Type the name of the object you need, specify size and format, and you'll instantly have a page of thumbprint pictures to choose from and use.

WEED OF THE MONTH

The recent international conference on AIDS raised awareness about the critical issue this continues to be. If the books on your shelf are left from the first wave of information in the 1980's, today's readers may think it's a problem in another part of the world, or worse, no longer a problem at all. But 5 million new cases were reported in 2002. The last twenty years of research should be reflected in what our patrons find in our libraries today. Check the numbers 614.5, 616.97, and 362 in both print and AV materials. Anything older than the late 1990's should not be kept.

For more weeding help:

www.sunlink.ucf.edu/weed/1103.html.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Verizon Foundation** last year awarded 22,000 grants totaling about \$70 million to nonprofit agencies that focus on improving computer literacy and enriching communities through technology. For information: www.verizon.com/foundation.

The Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (**IMLS**) has National Leadership Grants to help libraries and museums sustain a nation of learners. The three categories for grants are "advancing learning communities," "building digital resources," and "research and demonstration."

Applications will be available in October and are due Feb. 1. There is an online tutorial to help you prepare your application. Go to: www.imls.gov.

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SUMMER READING WRAP UP

Once again, libraries across the Panhandle region put a tremendous amount of time and energy into programs for toddlers to teens this summer. Every possible kind of trail was discovered. Walls were covered with accomplishments, and photos recalled the delight of crafts, snacks, activities, and reading fun. The excitement that draws thousands of youngsters to our libraries on hot summer days was generated by the librarians, who greeted them with smiles and stacks of books. Congratulations and thanks to all of you.

Pictured below is one happy reader from Goodall Library in (Fort) Ogallala, where she was sitting next to a campfire, surrounded by wild animals.



Promote Voter Registration @ Your Library®

Libraries play a critical role in democracy. You can make that a more active role by promoting voter registration at www.yourvotematters.org/ala. This initiative is co-sponsored by the American Library Association and Working Assets. At this website, individuals can register to vote or update their registration information. Free promotional materials including bookmarks, buttons, tip sheets, and press releases will be provided when you register your library at www.ala.org/requestmaterials.

Conference Opportunity

Denver is the place; October 21-24 is the time; Mountain Plains Library Association Conference is the event. Twelve central/western states are a part of this regional library group that provides resources for our area. Author presentations include Michael Willhoite, Connie Willis, Avi. A full lineup of sessions is being co-sponsored by the Colorado Association of Libraries. Plans are being made to have a bus transport Nebraska attendees to Denver, which would be a fun opportunity to network with other librarians from across the state. If you are interested, contact Jenni Puchalla at the Southeast Library System, for more information: jennip@alltel.net or 800-288-6063.

Nebraska Library History

Nebraska has a long tradition of library service, beginning with military post libraries, continuing with literary society libraries founded during Territorial times, women's club libraries, Carnegie libraries, up to the modern libraries of today. The Nebraska Library Commission Archives, located at the Nebraska Library Commission in Lincoln, houses materials about the history of the libraries it has served since 1901. They are available for research onsite, but some have been digitized and are available on the web site:

Library Commission History: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/mission/history.html>

Centennial 1901-2001: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/centennial/index.html>

Carnegie Libraries: (coming soon)

Nebraska Library Photographs: <http://www.unl.edu/ImageColl/36443056/>

Nebraska Library History: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/docs/nlcarchives/historywebsites.html>.

Library Founding Dates: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/nsf/libraryfoundingdates.html>

Marketing Your Library

Take advantage of state and national library promotions in September, when a new campaign called "The Smartest Card @ your library®" will be launched by the Public Library Association. September is also Library Card Sign-up Month, and the idea is to make the public more aware of all the services available to them at their libraries.

Locally, Governor Johanns has been asked to launch the campaign, and the Library Commission will provide support materials. You can download and customize bookmarks and posters:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pla/plaissues/smartestcardcampaign/toolkit/toolkit.htm>

The Panhandle Library System office will provide press releases for local newspapers. The key messages are that libraries are partners for vibrant and educated communities, essential for a free people, and places of opportunity. Let's use this opportunity to make ourselves more visible and valued.

"WAYS TO CONSTRUCT AN EVALUATION"

On October 6th, as a pre-conference to the NLA/NEMA Conference, Lynn Bradman will present 4 hours of information about the best practices in constructing an evaluation. This applies to evaluations for staff and programs, plus long range planning. The session goes from 10:00 to 3:00. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. This event is sponsored by the Nebraska Regional Library Systems. For more information: jennip@alltel.net

Mail registration and fee to Southeast Library System

5730 R St. # C-1

Lincoln, NE 68505

Youth Services Librarian Position Available

The Goodall City Library of Ogallala, NE, is accepting applications for a Youth Services Librarian, who will coordinate and implement youth programs for ages 0-18, supervise the youth services library and library clerks.

Desired minimum qualifications: (A) Bachelor's degree; (B) Two years experience in supervisory capacity in children's library; or (C) any equivalent combination of training and experience; and (D) completion of or ability to obtain Nebraska Public Librarian Certification.

Starting salary based on qualifications and experience. Salary range: \$20,382-27,576. Review of applications will begin August 9, 2004, and continue until the position is filled.

Application and current job description may be obtained at the Goodall City Library, 203 West A Street, Ogallala, NE 69153. Inquiries: 308-284-4354. A valid driver's license and a pre-employment drug test are required. EOE.

Hee Hee Hee

A little old lady regularly presented small bags of almonds to her favorite librarian to thank her for helping pick out interesting books for her to read. Worried about the cost, the librarian gently let the lady know that, although the nuts were nice, they weren't really necessary. "Oh it's no bother," she answered. "With my false teeth, they're no good to me once I've sucked the chocolate off." (From *American Libraries*, August, 1998, p.148)

PLS Carry-in-Lunch

**Please join us for the PLS Carry-in-Lunch
Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at Noon,
at the Bluffs Business Center, 1517 Broadway
Scottsbluff, Main Floor Conference Room.**

**PLS will provide sandwiches & drinks.
Please bring a covered dish of your choice.**

Date: 9/14/2004

Time: Noon

**Committee meetings begin
at 1:00 p.m.**



**If you have questions, contact the
PLS office, toll free 888-879-5303,
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Find a wide range of artifacts, books, documents, maps, postcards, original paintings, and photographs on a variety of topics relating to trails in Nebraska. Collected into a searchable database from the holdings of museums and libraries across Nebraska (Nebraska Western Trails Partner Sites), these images illustrate Nebraska's rich trails of all types--pioneer wagon trails, railroads, highways, nature trails, and modern recreational trails.

Bookshelves

Find full-text books and other publications, including travel guides and journals, railroad documents, recreational trails plans, and other historic publications.

Collections

Find a photo album of steam ferryboats, pre-1923 postcards of the Omaha area, original paintings by William Henry Jackson, and Chimney Rock paintings, photographs, sketches and artifacts.

Exhibits

Find a digital exhibit on the Lincoln Highway (including photographs, and a travel journal) and a digital exhibit on Chimney Rock, including images and documents combined with a narrative that tells the story of the Oregon, California, and Mormon trails and the Great Migration West.

Photo Galleries

Find photographs of early Omaha, Chimney Rock, and early transportation, including railroads, automobiles, motorcycles, aircraft, wagons, stages, horses, and mules.

Partner Sites

- [Nebraska Library Commission](#)
- [Nebraska State Historical Society](#)
- [Omaha Public Library](#)
- [Oregon Trail Museum—Scotts Bluff National Monument](#)
- [Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer](#)
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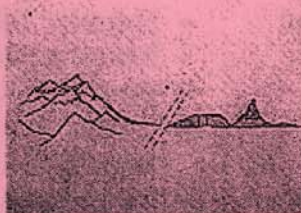
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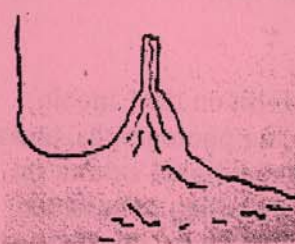
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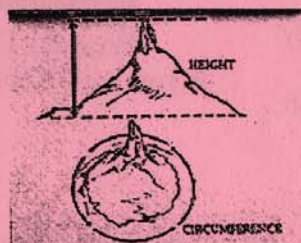
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Maybe a career in the Library and Information Sciences is right for you!

Coming Fall 2004!

LIBS 101 - Introduction to Library and Information Services

August 30, 2004 - December 13, 2004

Orientation: Saturday August 28, 2004

This 4.5 credit hour course provides you with a broad overview of the library and information science profession.

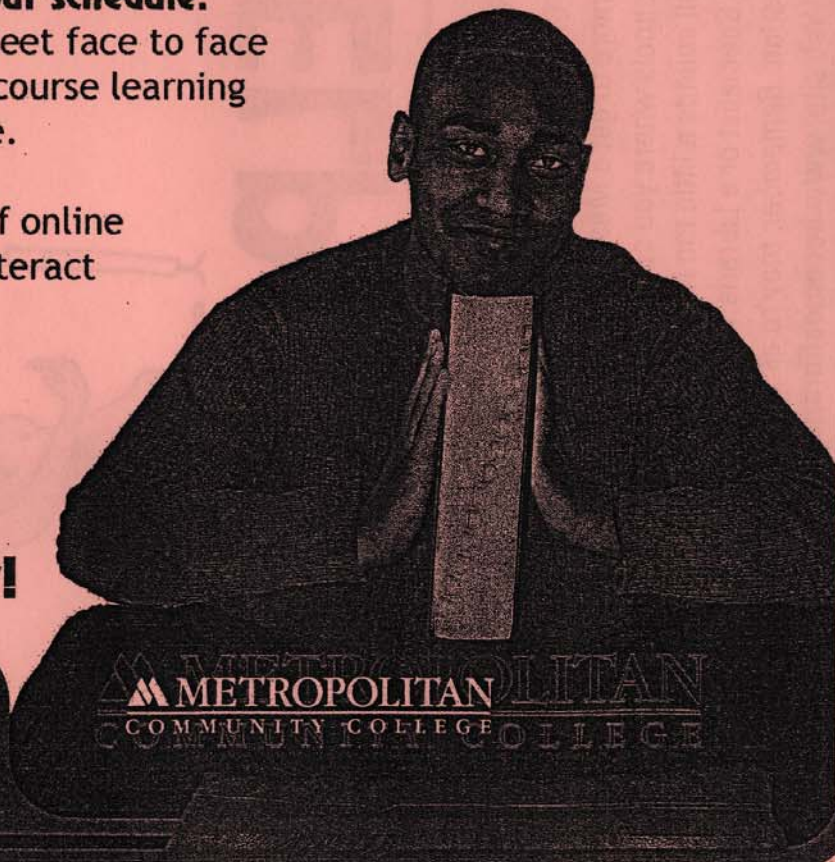
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Interested? Call today!

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800.228.9553



2004 Pre-Conference for NLA/NEMA
*Hispanic Voices @ your library*TM



*Voces Hispanas @ su biblioteca*TM

Wednesday, October 6, 2004 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. CST

Morning Session: "Spanish That Works", Elisabeth Almann, 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Afternoon Sessions:

Session I: Multicultural Consultant, Yolanda Cuesta, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Session II: Hispanic authors, Francisco Jimenez (Golden Sower Award nominee), and Luis Rodriquez, 2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Location: Holiday Inn Midtown, Grand Island

Registration deadline is Friday, September 24, 2004.

This is a firm date and late or onsite registrations will not be accepted.

Registration form -- please print and snail mail (faxes will not be accepted) to:

Jenni Puchalla, System Administrator Staff Assistant, Southeast Library System; 5730 R. Street, Suite C-1, Lincoln, NE 68505; 402-467-6188, 800-288-6063, E-mail: jennip@alltel.net

Registrant's Name: _____

Library or if Student school attending: _____

Member of NLA _____ NEMA _____ Library School Student _____ Other _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

My fee is: (check one and make check payable to the Paraprofessional Section, if payment cannot be made by the deadline date please call the Registration Chair).

- ☐ \$25 Member of NLA, Registration includes luncheon buffet
☐ \$25 Member of NEMA, Registration includes luncheon buffet
☐ \$25 Library School Student, Registration includes luncheon buffet
☐ \$35 Non-member of NLA or NEMA, Registration includes luncheon buffet

For more information: <http://www.nlc.state.ne.us/comp/para/preconf/2004PreConf.html>

Sponsored by: the Paraprofessional, Special & Institutional, School Children's and Young People's Sections of the Nebraska Library Association; Nebraska Educational Media Association; Scottsbluff Public Library; and the Omaha Public Library (South Branch). This project was supported in part by state aid funding appropriated by the Nebraska Legislature, granted and administered by the Nebraska Library Commission and in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administering the Library Services and Technology Act through the Nebraska Library Commission.

Chuckwagon Dinner on the Plains

Howdy Partner!!!

You're all invited to a big roundup on Wednesday, October 6, in the evening startin' at 5:45 p.m. at the Stuhr Museum. Grab your casual duds, pony up and come early!!!

First, we have two bang-up programs for your pleasure at 6:00 p.m.

Program Name	Presenter	Place
Pawnee Life.....	Thor Elliot.....	at the earthlodge
Treasures at Stuhr.....	Leslie Vollnogle.....	at the main building

Choose one to enjoy. Each of these folks put on a mighty fine little program.

At 7:00 p.m. we'll mosey on over to the Stuhr Gallery for a grand Chuckwagon Dinner on the Plains. Mr. Whitefoot has rustled up heaps of food for us. Nothing can hold a candle to his vittles. During dinner, Mr. Sayre is goin' to play some ace-high tunes for your entertainment.



All this.....a program and a meal for a mere 10 bucks.
(optional vegetarian meal is available)

A cash bar will also be available to wet your whistle.
So stop by our campfire and we'll have a real Rip Roarin' Time!!



To register: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

Come see the King! The King of Rock 'n Roll that is!
Elvis will swivel his hips, come swivel yours at

The Nebraska Regional Library Systems
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NLA/NEMA

Banquet and '50's Style Sock Hop



Thursday, October 7th
6:30-9:30 p.m.

Grand/Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn
\$20

Good Golly, Miss Molly! Don't Be Cruel, Dream Along with Me while listening to the library band, the Bookends, play a couple of familiar hits.

Then Rock Around the Clock and skin the cat with a DJ who will have you yelling Great Balls of Fire and Do You Wanna Dance?

Eventually though we'll have to say Goodnight, Irene
and get ready for Friday's sessions.

Register at: www.2004nla-nemaconference.info on the registration form or see the Fall issue of NLAQ.

Conference Events

SPEAKERS

Thursday Keynote

Katie Johnson is Associate Professor of Communication at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. Her doctorate is from the University of Minnesota. At St. John's, she teaches a variety of courses on media and society, specializing in media literacy. Katie also studied Drama at the Juilliard School in New York City. In addition to teaching, she works as a communication consultant, teaching presentation skills and coaching performance pieces. Her presentation will be on Media Literacy for Librarians. She will also present at a follow-on question and answer session on media literacy.

Katie Johnson

She will also make a presentation on tips for effective storytelling. The presentation will include easy-to-accomplish physical and vocal strategies to enhance the storytelling experience for you and your audience.

Katie is a native Nebraskan, whose father is a professor of Mathematics at UNL.

Friday Keynote

The Nebraska Library Commission is proud to sponsor Dr. Mary Pipher as the Leadership Development Keynote speaker for the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Conference on Friday, October 8. In Mary Pipher's book, "The Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town," she tells the story of how Lincoln, Nebraska becomes a gathering place for refugees from all corners of the globe. She will lead us through an exploration of how "cultural brokers" (teachers, caseworkers, public health nurses, library staff and volunteers, and American friends) can help new arrivals to make intentional decisions about what to accept and what to reject in America, easing us into each other's cultures. Three of Pipher's books, "Reviving Ophelia," "The Shelter of Each Other", and "Another Country" were New York Times best sellers. "Reviving Ophelia" was #1 for twenty-seven weeks and on the list for one hundred and fifty-four weeks. The keynote session will include a book signing.

Mary Pipher

For more information, see:
mockingbird.creighton.edu/ncw/pipher.htm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, AT A GLANCE

8:00 - 8:50 FIRST SESSION

Standards, Curriculum and Media Literacy Using Digital Curriculum—Walnut, Riverside
The Fear Factor: Finding Traditional & Alternative Medical Resources on the Internet—Willow, Riverside
Mentoring New Librarians: A Dialogue With Scott Childers and Dr. Becky Pasco—Islander I, Holiday Inn
Nebraska Trustee Survey MCC—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
Public Library Accreditation Guidelines—Islander II, Holiday Inn
NebraskaAccess: Your Information Connection Across Nebraska—Royal, Holiday Inn
MS Word Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

9:10-10:00 SECOND SESSION

School Library Media Program of the Year—Walnut, Riverside
Ponca History & Heritage: Ownership of Cultural Information—Pine, Riverside
Making Young People Welcome in the Library—Willow, Riverside
Notable Adult Books, 2004—Islander II, Holiday Inn
MPLA Leadership Institute Session, Islander I, Holiday Inn
The Librarian as Advocate: A Discussion With Maggie Harding & Stephen Hunt—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
Storytelling Techniques—Royal, Holiday Inn
MS Word Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

10:00 - 10:45 EXHIBITS BREAK - Holiday Inn and Riverside

10:45-11:45 GENERAL SESSION AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Grand/Royal, Holiday Inn

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCHEONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

NLA Luncheon and Business Meeting - Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn
NEMA Luncheon and Business Meeting - Pine, Riverside

1:50 - 2:40 THIRD SESSION

The Importance of a Reliable Interpreter/Translator—Walnut, Riverside
Outcome Based Evaluation—Willow, Riverside
Good Books to Hook Young Adult Readers—Grand, Holiday Inn
Media Literacy Techniques—Islander II, Holiday Inn
From Dinosaurs to Penguins: Collaboration Between the 2nd Grade Teacher and the Media Specialist—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
Diversity @ Your Library™—Royal, Holiday Inn
MS Excel Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

2:40 - 3:10 EXHIBITS BREAK - Holiday Inn and Riverside

3:10 - 4:00 FOURTH SESSION

Personnel—Related Laws: What Trustees & Librarians Need to Know—Walnut, Riverside
Library Outreach to the Homeless—Willow, Riverside
Trends and Initiatives in Interlibrary Loan—Islander I, Holiday Inn
"Dragon" For Titles for Summer 2005? I'll Dare You to Dream! - Islander II, Holiday Inn
The Author-Illustrator Connection—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
Advocacy, Marketing and Outreach Services for Youth @ Your Library for School Media Specialists—Royal, Holiday Inn
MS Excel Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

4:20-5:10 **FIFTH SESSION**

Tending Our Fields: Weeding Collections to Make Them Stronger—Walnut, Riverside
One Book, Many Libraries—Community of Librarians Discussing the Book Time
Traveler's Wife by Audrey Niffenegger—Willow, Riverside
ITART Business Meeting—Islander I, Holiday Inn
New Members Round Table Conference Connections Mixer—Islander II, Holiday Inn
Language Arts Assessments & the Media Curriculum Collaborative Effort—Royal, Holiday Inn

5:30-6:30 **EXHIBITORS' RECEPTION** - Holiday Inn and Riverside

6:30-9:30 **NLA/NEMA BANQUET/SOCK HOP**—
Grand/Governor's/Executive, Holiday Inn

6:30-9:30 **MS Powerpoint Workshop**—Cottonwood, Riverside

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, AT A GLANCE

8:00-8:50 **FIRST SESSION**

Golden Sower—Walnut/Willow, Riverside
Plagiarism Policy @ Your Library™...Let's Make It Politive & Scholarly! - Pine, Riverside
Fish! (And Other Things to Throw At Your Library) - Ambassador, Holiday Inn (Part 1 of 2)
Serving Two Masters: Working in Positions That Cross the Traditional Borders of Public & Technical Services - Islander I, Holiday Inn
National Issues Forum: Involve Your Library—Royal, Riverside
More Angst & Attitude—Young Adult Literature—Grand, Holiday Inn
MS Access Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

9:10-10:00 **SECOND SESSION**

Golden Sower—Walnut/Willow, Riverside
Using Literature to Teach the Six Traits—Pine, Riverside
Fish! (And Other Things to Throw At Your Library) - Ambassador, Holiday Inn (Part 2 of 2)
PAWS @ Your Library—Islander I & II, Holiday Inn
National Issues Forum—Royal, Holiday Inn
MS Access Workshop—Cottonwood, Riverside

10:00-10:45 **EXHIBITS BREAK** - Holiday Inn and Riverside

10:45-11:45 **GENERAL SESSION**—Grand/Royal, Holiday Inn

12:00-1:30 **LUNCHEONS**

College & University Section Business Meeting / Luncheon - Islander I, Holiday Inn
Paraprofessional Section Business Meeting / Luncheon - Islander II, Holiday Inn
Public Library Section and TUFS Joint Meeting / Awards Luncheon - Pine, Riverside
SCYP Section Business Meeting / Mad Hatter Award Luncheon - Executive/Governor's, Holiday Inn
Special & Institutional Section Business Meeting - Board, Holiday Inn

1:50-2:40 **THIRD SESSION**

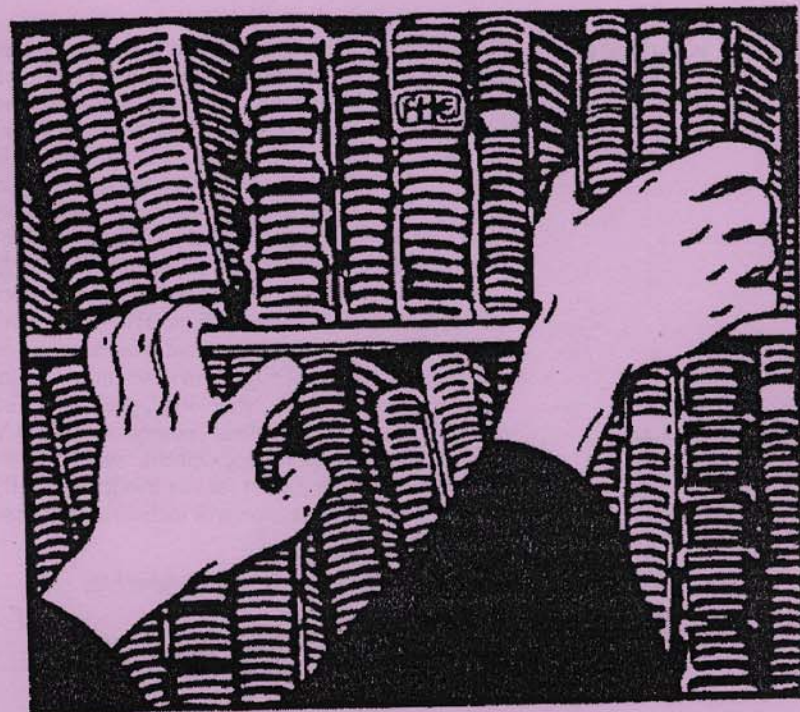
Information Power @ Your Library™ / Advocacy Ideas @ Your Library™ - Walnut, Riverside (Part 1 of 2)
Your Library Board—Keeping It Legal—Willow, Riverside
Create A Golden Sower Club: Golden Sower Activities on the Web—Cottonwood, Riverside
No Space For Me: The Needs of At-Risk Students—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
Western Trails Project: Its Past, Present and Future. Panel Discussion—Grand, Holiday Inn
Music of Old Nebraska—Royal, Holiday Inn

3:00-3:50 **FOURTH SESSION**

Information Power @ Your Library™ / Advocacy Ideas @ Your Library™ - Walnut, Riverside (Part 2 of 2)
Your Library Board—Keeping It Legal—Willow, Riverside
Cheap Remodels—Cottonwood, Riverside
Medical Information in Spanish—Grand, Holiday Inn
Maximizing Use of Books In Print Online—Ambassador, Holiday Inn
TSRT Business Meeting—Royal, Holiday Inn

4:10-5:00 **FIFTH SESSION**

NMRT Business Meeting—Grand, Holiday Inn
NEMA Board Meeting—Cottonwood, Riverside



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Include the following information:

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The next application deadline is due October 15th. A recommendation from the Scholarship Committee is sent to the NEMA Board for approval. After action on a scholarship by the NEMA Board, applicants will be notified by Stacy Vogel, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee, as to whether or not the scholarship was approved.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Please complete one form for each registrant. Make copies of registration as needed.

- Pre-Registration Fee: \$40.00
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READ ALOUD NEBRASKA PRESENTS...



MEM FOX

When: Thursday, November 4, 2004

Where: Peter Kiewit Conference Center
1313 Farnam Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Cost: \$40.00/person
(Lunch on your own)

For more information, or if any accommodations are needed for the workshop, contact:

Mark Claussen, RAN Chairman

Daytime phone: (402) 644-2507

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Read Aloud Nebraska is pleased to announce that Mem Fox, best selling author of *Reading Magic* and such children's favorites as *Possum Magic*, *Koala Lou* and *A Bedtime Story*, will be returning to help us celebrate "Read Aloud to a Child Month" in Nebraska in 2004. Mem will be sharing her newest book, *Where is the Green Sheep?* with us!

The day long program will also feature breakout sessions by local literacy professionals and book signing sessions with Mem Fox.

BREAKOUT PRESENTERS

Becky Pasco was a young adult librarian in Lincoln Public Schools for 15 years and is currently the Coordinator of Library Science Education programs at the University of Nebraska Omaha. Becky continues her work with Young Adult literature through her Young Adult literature course at UNO and her involvement with library science and education students all over the state of Nebraska.

Dr. Kathy Everts Danielson is a former elementary teacher who is currently a professor in the Teacher Education Department at UNO where she teaches literacy classes. She has written professional books and articles focused on the use of children's literature and has given a variety of presentations about children's literature at the state, regional, and national level.

Vicki Wood has worked as a youth librarian for 13 years and does book selection and discussion leader training for the Lincoln City Libraries' parent-child reading groups.

Pat Leach is the Youth Services Supervisor with Lincoln City Libraries. She reviews children's books for the Lincoln Journal Star and School Library Journal.

Susan Johnston is a former kindergarten teacher, currently working as an educational consultant at Educational Service Unit 3 in Omaha. She is the originator of the Read for Joy staff development program and served as the content editor for Iowa/Nebraska's *The Primary Program*.



ABOUT MEM FOX

Mem Fox's *Possum Magic* has sold over two million copies, is still available in hardback and celebrates its 21st birthday in 2004. It is the best selling picture book ever in Australia. Since its publication in 1983 Mem Fox has written over twenty five picture books for children. Among her personal favorites are *Koala Lou*, *Hattie and the Fox* and *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*.



She also writes for adults. The best known of her adult books, *Reading Magic* (Sydney: Pan Macmillan, May 2001; San Diego: Harcourt, September 2001), is aimed at parents of children aged 0-5. She is also the author of the highly acclaimed teacher's text: *Radical Reflections: Passionate Opinions on Teaching Learning and Living*, (Harcourt Brace, 1993). Many of her books are resoundingly successful in the USA, a country she has visited over 80 times. *Time for Bed* was on the New York best-seller lists for over a year, has sold over a million copies in the USA alone, and is on Oprah's list of the twenty best children's books of all time.

Writing is her second love. Her first love is teaching to which she admits a powerful addiction. It has been the major focus of her life. She has been teaching teachers since 1973 and is much in demand as a keynote speaker at national and international literacy conferences. Her all consuming passion is literacy and its development.

AGENDA

8:00-8:45am Registration/Coffee/Book sales

8:45am Opening remarks & "Read Aloud Champion" presentation

9:00-10:30am "Why Reading Aloud to Young Children Changes Their Lives Forever" with Mem Fox

Reading aloud to children is as important for their futures as giving them shots against childhood diseases like measles. They need to be inoculated, as it were, against the disease of not being able to read. Reading aloud to them serves that purpose. Reading aloud has many other benefits and delights, all of which will be explored in this presentation.

10:30-10:45am Break

10:45-11:30am Breakout sessions include book reviews, strategies for phonemic awareness instruction and a book signing with Mem Fox.

11:30am-1:30pm Lunch on own

1:30-2:15pm Breakout sessions will be the same as above.

2:15-2:30pm Break

2:30-4:00pm "How to Read Aloud to Greatest Effect" with Mem Fox

This presentation is highly interactive and will be a hilarious coaching workshop that guarantees a vast improvement in the way people read aloud.

4:00pm Closing comments

especially for schools

Here are two books that "every school should have": The Young Man and the Sea by Rodman Philbrick is a survival story that will have special appeal for boys, gr.5-6, and would be an excellent read-aloud. For a much younger audience, The Best Pet of All by David LaRochelle, is the ultimate "could we have a dog (or a dragon)" story.

Two recent losses in the world of children's literature: authors Syd Hoff and Paula Danziger.

If you're feeling unappreciated, here's an "it could be worse": the Contra Costa, CA, district school board decided to close all school libraries and lay off 36 media specialists to save \$2 million next school year. They then received \$384,000 in donations specifically for school libraries. Nice to know someone cares.

Here are the latest books bound for the big screen: Curious George; The Tale of Despereaux; Deenie; Lemony Snicket; Because of Winn-Dixie; Bridge to Terabithia; The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe.

Check out this awesome high school library website: www.carthage.k12.mo.us/hs/media.

How can you provide an "author experience" for your students? Many authors have web sites. Have you seen www.eric-carle.com? For a connection to many picture book authors, try starting with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators: www.scbwi.org. Another good source is marilee.us/index.html and select "Marilee's Picture Book Links."

The Nebraska Educational Media Assn. (NEMA) wants to help students learn to do research without plagiarizing. This will require effort by teachers, administrators, and library media specialists at every level. Events are being planned in November and April to help all staff learn ways to use resources legally and create products that demonstrate true learning. Details coming soon.

Do you feel overwhelmed with the number of things you are supposed to do in your job, and sometimes think you get nothing done? Try choosing ONE area that most needs improvement in your library program. Focus on that one thing this year and see if by year's end you can see progress. Write it down. When you turn the calendar page each month, jot a note about what you've accomplished in that one area. You may need to let something else go undone. But hopefully by the end of the year, you'll have a sense of satisfaction knowing that you've changed something, learned something, made a difference.

**School Jobalikes!
Fun, Food, Friendship!
Watch for one
Coming Soon
To Your Area!**

SAMPLE POLICIES

Starting with this issue, in each newsletter there will be a sample policy which you can use as a basis for writing or reviewing your library's policies. The newly revised Accreditation Guidelines require specific policies to be in place. These samples will include the basic elements, but you will want to adapt them to your community. A Google search for "sample library policies" will take you to several useful resources.

Internet Use Policy

The ___ Library actively seeks ways to use technology effectively to improve public library service. The library offers information from print, media, and electronic resources, including selected databases and the Internet. In providing these resources, the library affirms its continued commitment to provide open access to information and ideas, within the bounds of the existing law. The same standards of intellectual freedom, privacy, and confidentiality endorsed by the American Library Association and incorporated in the library's policies on materials selection, and the Library Bill of Rights, shall be applied to electronic media as well as other library materials.

The Internet enables the library to provide information beyond the confines of its own collection. Since the Internet is an unregulated global computer network, the library cannot control, monitor, or endorse the content of information, ideas, or opinions found within the medium. Not all of the sources on the Internet provide accurate, complete, or up-to-date information. The Internet also enables access to material that may be controversial and/or offensive. The library assumes no responsibility for any damages arising from the use of its connection to Internet services. The library staff will not monitor the use of Internet access in any way other than as directed by the Disruptive Behavior Policy.

The Library complies with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). All computers with Internet access, including staff computers, will operate with filtering technology that, to the extent technically possible:

- * prevents access to visual depictions that are obscene, and
- * prevents access to child pornography, and
- * prevents access to visual depictions that are harmful to minors.

All children (under the age of 17) may only access filtered Internet. Any user, 17 or older, upon request, may select unfiltered access when using a library computer. As with all other library sources, children's access to the Internet is the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian. Children and their parents should discuss the child's use of email, online chat, and disclosure of personal information over the Internet.

Any user wishing to appeal elements of this policy may complete the library's "Request for Reconsideration of Internet Policy" form.

TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Here are statements from the Montana Public Library Trustee Handbook that can be used to develop a code of ethics for a Library Board. Even if they are not formally adopted, they can provide guidance for trustee actions.

1. As a public servant and advocate for the public library, I will

- *work to ensure that the public has equal access to information;
- *work to meet the information needs of the whole community;
- *resist efforts to censor library materials;
- *keep all library policies free of racism, sexism and other bigotry.

2. As a public servant and representative of the community, I will

- *attempt to interpret the needs of the community to the library, and interpret the action of the library to the community;
- *represent the whole community and not a particular area or group;
- *protect the public's right to open meetings;
- *refer complaints about the library to the appropriate person.

3. As a member of the Library Board I will

- *listen carefully to other Board members;
- *respect the opinions of other trustees;
- *support the decisions of the Board;
- *recognize that all authority is vested in the Board when it meets in legal session and not with individual Board members;
- *be well-informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the Board;
- *call to the attention of the Board issues that may affect the library;
- *vote to hire the best possible person to manage the library;
- *not interfere with the duties of the director or undermine authority;
- *ensure that the library is well-maintained, financially secure, growing, and always operating in the best interests of the community;
- *declare any personal conflicts of interest and avoid voting on them;
- *not use any part of the library for personal advantage;
- *not discuss confidential Board proceedings outside of the meetings;
- *work to learn more about the job of a trustee and how to do it better.

THE ANNUAL REPORT...

Annual reports are part of the job for most of us. I see them as an opportunity to review and evaluate: what did we plan to do? what did we accomplish? what needs to be done next year? did the time and the money go to accomplish the important things?

Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the two surveys we did this year – one to determine your continuing education needs, and one to assess what the System is doing that is helpful to you and what it could do to improve. We take your feedback seriously and adjust our activities to better support you and your libraries.

I traveled over 20,000 miles in the System car this year. Making visits to libraries is a high priority when so many of you are working alone or with one or two other staff and have limited opportunities to get away. By seeing firsthand what you are doing, I hope to make the System more useful to you. I also attend many trainings and meetings to stay informed and in turn pass information on to you.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with excellent people in the best profession!

Cherie Longmuir and the Panhandle Library System Board

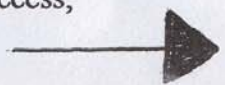
Annual Report for Panhandle Library System July, 2003-June 2004

Members: 30 public libraries; 97 schools; 5 academic; 8 special. Added this year, Museum of the Fur Trade.

Mission: The mission of the Panhandle Library System is to provide the leadership, training, and support necessary to enable our member libraries to be essential and valued resources in their communities. Our current focus has 3 branches: training, consulting, and support; planning, development, and coordination; promotion, advocacy, and communication.

These are the major activities undertaken during the past year by the PLS Coordinator and the members of the PLS Board, committees, and members:

1. awarded 2 scholarships for classes/workshops – totaling \$600;
2. sponsored/co-sponsored workshops attended by nearly 400 members:
e-rate procedures; Database Roadshow; several Young Adult services
teleconferences; book repair; legal resources; school and public jobalikes; Gates
sustainability; Follett users; digital cameras; summer reading program; marketing
with Pat Wagner; Teen Spaces with Kim Taney; Being a Professional with Mary
Bushing; NEBASE network services programs;
3. provided 3 segments of the 4-part Basic Skills series;
4. hosted an annual meeting with a program on Museum of the Fur Trade;
5. represented Panhandle concerns at Library Legislative Day (7 attended);
6. attended the Public Library Association conference in Seattle (3 from PLS);
7. published 6 issues of the Panhandle Sun newsletter and added online access;
8. created a new PLS brochure;



9. established a Webpage that contains a calendar of upcoming events, the membership directory, catalog of the professional collection, and links to the newsletter and other relevant sources;
10. created e-mail lists for school-only and public-only groups to provide focused communication in addition to general messages for the total membership;
11. provided a membership directory in print and online;
12. added 8 items to the professional collection; circulated 20 items;
13. participated in Regional System grant whereby 5 PLS libraries will receive support for outreach to the Hispanic community;
14. submitted NLC continuing education grant proposal;
15. wrote successful grant proposal for Kinder Morgan funds to support summer performance program;
16. provided a live performance in 11 communities to enhance summer reading programs;
17. participated in the Kidz Explore Expo to promote library activities;
18. sent information to school administrators regarding school library programs;
19. visited all libraries, and provided assistance by phone, mail, and email;
20. assisted libraries to complete the Gates upgrade;
21. provided support for use and promotion of the Learnatest database;
22. assisted 3 libraries with weeding projects;
23. provided orientation for two new library directors;
24. assisted with library automation planning in 3 locations;
25. provided use of the Dolphin scanner for inventory at 6 locations;
26. made arrangements and did planning for next fall's author tour;
27. provided promotional materials for National Library Week and other library programs;
28. surveyed membership for continuing education needs and assessment of PLS programs;
29. held 6 PLS Board meetings to conduct System business; fulfilled the administrative responsibilities for financial reporting and budgeting;
30. participated in e-rate discount program;
31. reviewed and revised PLS policies;
32. Coordinator served on committees to evaluate children's grants, judge the "Center for the Book" Awards, and select Golden Sower nominees; attended the Library Leadership Institute, Digitization workshop, Outcome Based Evaluation training, NLA/NEMA conference, and the Basic Skills classes; met quarterly with other System Administrators and Nebraska Library Commission staff; participated in 6 public library Board meetings.

Get current Panhandle Library System information at

<http://teacherweb.panesu.org/pls>

Panhandle Library System Board Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2004 – WNCC Board Room

The meeting was called to order by President Maryruth Reed at 10:00 a.m. **Present:** Maryruth Reed, Carolyn Brown, Dena Crews, Lillian Diedrichsen, Diane Downer, Jill Ellis, Pat Gross, Vickie Retzlaff, Kathy Terrell, Cherie Longmuir, Debbie McCall, Pam Scott. **Absent:** Ruth Walker, due to jury duty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved following the correction of the spelling of Gene Roland's name. Round table comments from public librarians: Maryruth closed the library on May 1 for inventory. She combined the juvenile and adult nonfiction sections. They also purchased two new chairs. Vickie said she worked with Maryruth to get ideas about how to do her annual report on Bibliostat. Pat Finnegan has been hired as the new library assistant at Grant County. They have been getting 20 children for story hour. Carolyn reported that the parking lot situation has been resolved and they are still trying to acquire the land. Diane said Gering is getting ready for summer reading. Their ending program will be at Five Rocks Amphitheater. The library is promoting e-books, and now has them in their catalog. There is concern about the city of Gering reorganization and its effect on the library. Cherie presented the coordinator's report and expressed concern about the high gas prices as they affect her travel to libraries.

Committee reports:

Annual meeting: Dena reported that Gail Potter from Museum of the Fur Trade will be the guest speaker at the Annual Meeting in Sidney. Dena made a motion that a \$75 honorarium be paid in addition to the mileage. Carolyn seconded, motion carried unanimously on roll call vote. Dena said that the caterer is charging a gratuity that she was not aware of. It was agreed that the System would pay the extra expense. Door prizes will be needed. Board members are asked to wear western clothes. They do not have to pay the registration fee.

CE/Tech: Diane reported that Pat Wagner's workshop was well attended and the evaluations were positive.

Nominating: Lillian reported that nominations for three officers had been accepted (VP-Dena, Sec.-Ruth, Treas. -Jill) and Maryruth agreed to be nominated again for president.

Public relations: Carolyn said that things were in place for the Carole Nelson Douglas adult author tour. Some of her books will be given away at the annual meeting. The sites have all been scheduled.

Scholarships: No applications have been received.

Nebraska Library Commission report – Pam Scott:

1. CE grant application period is from May 17 to July 19. Can apply online. Ranges from \$250-\$5000. Recipients notified in August. Information on the web site.
2. July 29 in Alliance is the Personnel workshop for library directors, board members, and city clerks, presented by attorneys Maggie Stein and Jack Schultz.
3. Database Roadshow is June 22 in Chadron and August 3 in North Platte.
4. Deadline for grants for netLibrary is May 17; order by June 10.
5. New accreditation for libraries will start in July.
6. E-rate – wait to file until the new form comes out.
7. Pam has information on filtering software for those required to have it by July 1.
8. Approval was given to offer classes for the Library Tech. Associate degree starting at Metro Comm. College in Omaha next fall. Two-year degree not yet in place.
9. The NLC budget has had another 1% budget cut for operating expenses.

PLS Board Election results: elected to the Board were Allison McBride, Vickie Retzlaff, and Jill Ellis. Cherie recommended a change in the language of the policy for Board vacancies. Carolyn made a motion to accept the change; Dena seconded. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. The policy will now read: "The vacancy will be filled to the end of the unexpired term with a person representing the same geographical or library type as the person leaving the position. At the end of that term, the appointed person may choose to run for election to a first term on the Board."

Cherie reported that the school jobalikes were well attended: 10 in Bayard, 6 in Chadron, 10 in Sidney. There was interest in having more of them. Cherie reviewed the school needs assessment survey results; there were 19 returned.

The idea of a Panhandle Library System award was discussed. It was suggested that the Scholarship Committee work on it, possibly presenting it at the annual meeting next year.

The proposed borrower's agreement for the Dolphin scanner was reviewed. Changes were suggested in the language. Cherie will rewrite it.

Cherie asked for suggestions for a System CE grant proposal. It was decided to explore sending PLS representatives to a regional conference, who would then provide training for others in the System.

Debbie noted that the PLS office will be closed on May 28 and July 5. The next Board meeting will be held on July 13th, 10:30 a.m., at Kimball Public Library. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Lillian Diedrichsen, Acting Secretary

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